

**TOWN WARRANT**  
**Special Town Meeting**  
**October 23, 1995**

Hampshire, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Amherst, in said county, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the registered voters of the Town of Amherst of the Special Town Meeting to be held in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School in said Amherst at seven-thirty o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 23rd day of October, nineteen hundred and ninety-five, when the following articles will be acted upon by town meeting members:

ARTICLE 1. Reports of Boards and Committees (Select Board)

To see if the Town will hear only those reports of the Town officers, Finance Committee, and any other Town boards or committees which are not available in written form.

ARTICLE 2. State of the Amherst Schools Report (School Committee)

To see if the Town will hear the State of the Amherst Schools report of the Amherst School Committee; such report to include:

- Primary Goals
  - How progress toward those goals is measured
  - A projection of financial resources needed to meet said goals
  - System strengths
  - System weaknesses
- Whatever other issues the School Committee determines should be in such a report.

ARTICLE 3. Report of the Joint Capital Planning Committee (Joint Capital Planning Committee)

To see if the Town will hear the report of the Joint Capital Planning Committee.

ARTICLE 4. Stabilization Fund (Select Board)

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and transfer a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 5. Regional School Renovation (Select Board)

To see if the Town will approve the action taken by the Amherst-Pelham Regional School Committee on August 31, 1995 which amended action last taken on September 13, 1994 authorizing issuance of \$22,092,000 of debt for the purpose of adding to, reconstructing and equipping the District Regional High School, by deleting the condition therein "that no more than \$1,400,000, for the preparation of plans and specifications and related preliminary cost, shall be borrowed or expended under this vote until the project has been approved by the State Board of Education for a school construction grant of at least 65 percent of approved costs."

ARTICLE 6. Capital Program - Town Hall (Select Board and Town Hall Restoration Task Force)

To see if the Town will appropriate \$3,266,000 for renovations and repairs to the Town Hall, including design, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation, the transfer of available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise and further to authorize the application for and acceptance of any gifts, bequests, or grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise and further to authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement for said grants.

ARTICLE 7. Capital Program - Sand Hill Road, Shutesbury (Conservation Commission)

To see if the Town will amend the action taken on May 8, 1995, under Article 25 of the 1995 Annual Town Meeting, by adding the shaded text:

that the Town (1) appropriate \$182,000 for the acquisition by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise, of 188 acres of property located on Sand Hill Road in Shutesbury, known as the Gage purchase, for conservation purposes and for watershed protection purposes, and that to meet such appropriation \$182,000 be transferred from the appropriation voted under Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting in May of 1986 (Atkins Treatment Plant); (2) authorize the Conservation Commission to seek "self-help" reimbursement from the Commonwealth in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 132A, Section 11, for such acquisition and to enter into any agreement, contract or conveyance related thereto; and (3) authorize the Conservation Commission to manage and control the same in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8(C).

ARTICLE 8. Capital Program - Sewer Fund - Ruxton Land Acquisition  
(Select Board/Conservation Commission)

To see if the Town will appropriate \$280,000 for the acquisition by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise, of 39 acres of property located on Pulpit Hill Road and State Street, known as the Ruxton purchase, for sewer, conservation or other municipal purposes, and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation, the transfer of available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise and further to authorize the application for and acceptance of any gifts, bequests, or grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise and further authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement for said grants.

ARTICLE 9. Capital Program - Ruxton Property (Select Board)

"To see if the Town will:

- A.raise and appropriate \$120,000 for the purchase of the 27 acres more or less of property designated as parcel "A" of the 39 acres of property located on Pulpit Hill Road and State Street, known as the Ruxton purchase, for the purpose of recreation and general public works use and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation, the transfer of available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise and further to authorize the application for and acceptance of any gifts, bequests, or grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise and further authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement for said grants.
- B.raise and appropriate \$165,000 for the purchase of the 12 acres more or less of property designated as parcel "B" of the 39 acres of property located on Pulpit Hill Road and State Street, known as the Ruxton purchase, for the purpose of conservation in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter -- Section -- and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation, the transfer of available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise and further to authorize the application for and acceptance of any gifts, bequests, or grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise and further authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement for said grants.
- C.raise and appropriate \$500,000 for 1) the reclamation of the 27 acres more or less of property designated as parcel "A" of the 39 acres of property located on Pulpit Hill Road and State Street, known as the Ruxton purchase, and 2) the construction thereon of athletic fields, other recreational uses, and related facilities and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation, the transfer of available funds, by borrowing, or otherwise and further to authorize the application for and acceptance of any gifts, bequests, or grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise and further authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement for said grants."

ARTICLE 10. Capital Program - Solid Waste Fund - Land Acquisition - Methane Collection  
(Select Board)

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, the following parcels, or any portion thereof, owned by Gordon Hall III and Douglas Kohl and/or others for solid waste purposes: Parcel 18D-38 and Parcel 18D-001-51, and to provide for such acquisition \$10,000 be appropriated and transferred from Article 1, Special Town Meeting, September 1985 (closing Old Belchertown Road landfill): and, further to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the following parcels, or portions thereof, to Douglas Kohl and/or others: Parcel 21B-68 and Parcel 21B-8.

ARTICLE 11. Special Act - Amherst Fields (Select Board)

To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to request a Home Rule petition for a Special Act exempting that portion of the premises known as Amherst Fields owned by the Fields Association (Map 18C, All Parcels 57) from certain provisions of Section 6 of the Town of Amherst Zoning Bylaw relating to street frontage, area, set-back, and building and lot coverage, and from related provisions of the Zoning Act (Chapter 40A) of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 12. Transfer of Funds - Unpaid Bills (Select Board)

To see if the Town will, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64, appropriate and transfer a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of previous years.

ARTICLE 13. Article 1 Town Bylaws - The Finance Committee (Moderator)

To see if the Town will amend Article 1 of the Town Bylaws - The Town Government, Finance Committee, paragraph 1 by deleting the words in brackets and adding the shaded text:

[...the terms of such members to expire at the final adjournment of the third annual town meeting following their appointment. After the final adjournment of each annual town meeting the moderator shall appoint as many members to said committee as are necessary to replace members whose terms expired at such final adjournment.] ...the terms of such members to expire on June 30 of the third year following their appointment. After each June 30 the moderator shall appoint as many members to said committee as are necessary to replace members whose terms expired on that June 30 date.

You are hereby directed to serve this call by posting attested copies thereof at the usual places:

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| Prec. 1 North Amherst Post Office | Prec. 6 Fort River School    |
| Prec. 2 North Fire Station        | Prec. 7 Crocker Farm School  |
| Prec. 3 Marks Meadow School       | Prec. 8 Munson Library       |
| Prec. 4 Amherst Post Office       | Prec. 9 Wildwood School      |
| Prec. 5 Bangs Community Center    | Prec. 10 Campus Center/UMass |

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 2nd day of October, A. D. 1995.

Bryan C. Harvey  
Brenna Y. Kucinski  
Hill Boss  
Carolyn Holstein

Board of Selectmen

Hampshire, ss.

October 6, 1995  
(date)

In obedience to the within Warrant, I have this day as directed posted true and attested copies thereof at the above designated places, to wit:

Sgt. Scott Livingstone  
Constable